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MARGINAL COLUMN By MIRI MINDLIN

Pres. Magsaysay Dead in Air Crash

With a slightly shocked look the bookseller launched his question: "Guess what book has sold 10,000 copies in the last week of publication?" "What?" we answered. "It can't be the first week? I had heard that it was the first day." By now everyone knows that the super-best-seller, by our standards, is the selection of scripts from the "Three in a Boat" radio programmes. Why he should ask should the four volumes "War and Peace" sell 10,000 copies or the latest "Encyclopaedia of Carnivorous Snails and Edible Earthworms"? Who has more of a right to repose and relaxation than the tense Israeli, living from headline to headline? And compared to the tedious, doleful, sort of sick-sweet-grief-sorrow serving that usually passes for humour on the radio, "Three in a Boat" is the height of sophistication.

A veteran Hebrew reader us recently that there had been some 2,000 Hebrew readers about 30 years ago, and that the numbers had not really changed with the passage of time. The point, of course, is that one could hardly describe as readers the consumers of our local versions of the mass media. This is a saddening fact, if true, for 2,000 is hardly an economically viable sale for any book, and the outlook bleak for Hebrew publishing. We can console ourselves with the fact that this situation is quite general, and that even in the world at large only magazines of over one-and-a-half million circulation are self-supporting. "Three in a Boat" is the worst we have to offer our mass audience then we're not so badly off.

In print the programme is paler and much less amusing, but that does not detract from the fun of the live broadcasts, which are nevertheless overlong. Parody, wisecrack and pun are the staples of entertainment, but perhaps most attractive are the satirical herbs directed against the fetishes and foibles of our way of life, and not least the contradictions of our political set-up. This is of particular value in a society which gained its original historical impetus from ideas and which has had a hard time freeing itself from ideas since ever since. The framework of ideas served its purpose by providing a springboard for action, but the vicissitudes of history have changed the face of time and that of our society, and we must adjust ourselves pragmatically to basic shifts in attitudes, customs and institutions. This is also an obligation to the younger generation which, observing the discrepancy between ideology and reality, tends to become cynical and indifferent. There is a world of difference between scoffing at all values and denying their existence—and a cold or humorous reappraisal of one's basic assumptions, which may lead to a reasoned reassessment of values. One can only respect the kibbutzim who, after 30 years of hard labour, remark that "It would take a crazy idea like the kibbutz to attract Jews to farming."

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CZECHS TO BUILD SYRIAN REFINERY

DAMASCUS, Sunday (Reuter). — The Syrian Government today gave its approval to a contract for a Czech firm to build an oil refinery.

IT'S a pity perhaps that the participants in the radio programme are not relieved occasionally, and are confined more or less to the writing profession. However, it is to their credit that they do not hesitate to make fun of themselves as in the deprecating asides in the following wisecrack: "I am a Hebrew writer—You are a graphomaniac—He is a member of the Hebrew Writers Association."

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Scandinavian UNEF Units Will Pull Out in August

By WILFRID FLEISHER

OSLO, Monday (INA). — Scandinavian units of UNEF will be called home decision reached in Oslo a few days ago.

willing to contribute to world peace even at a moment's notice and in this case, but we feel that other U.N. members must share the burden.

Scandinavian opinion is critical of recent developments; the semi-official Swedish paper, "Aftonbladet," comments typically that "David was forced to withdraw after fighting Goliath." What Egyptian forces couldn't do and the U.N. couldn't accomplish, the U.S. has brought about.

The Soviet attitude seems to be that Jews wanting to go to Israel, whether or not of Polish origin, should apply in the Soviet Union for permission to emigrate and not for repatriation to Poland. The Soviet Union has consistently (Continued on Page 3 — Col. 2)

Communist Threat Top Bermuda Issue

LONDON, Sunday (Reuter). — Prime Minister Harold Macmillan said today that he would discuss with President Eisenhower in Bermuda this week "above all the preservation of the world from Communist and Comminist aggression."

Political circles in Nicosia said that Britain's answer to EOKA's truce offer, expected soon, might include a demand that a specified number of EOKA leaders mentioned by name leave the island. These leaders, to include Col. George Grivas, EOKA's chief, would then be flown from Cyprus to anywhere they wished to go.

The "Times of Cyprus" today said there would be no immediate demand and the EOKA leaders would leave Cyprus as "free men."

Meanwhile, President Eisenhower, en route to Bermuda on board the cruiser U.S.S. *Canberra*, was reported keeping in closest radio contact with the State Department.

Mr. Eisenhower is to confer on Middle East development tonight with the White House Staff Secretary, Brigadier Andrew Goodfellow, who is flying from Washington to board the *Canberra*.

UK Shipbuilding Strike Threatens Major Crisis

LONDON, Sunday (UP). — Britain's shipbuilding strike moved into its second day with no signs of a break, bringing the country closer to its gravest industrial crisis since the 1926 general strike.

Two hundred thousand employees in the industry officially stopped work yesterday on 320 ships throughout the nation.

One report circulating in Manila said that a time bomb may have been placed aboard the plane in a basket of mugs presented to the President by an unidentified person, and that the explosion of a time bomb throughout the Japanese occupation, to win a seat in Congress.

Only a "miracle" can stop the strike now, a Labour Ministry spokesman said.

The shipyard workers want a 10 per cent pay increase. Nearly two million workers in the engineering industries are due to strike next Saturday unless their demand for a 10 per cent hike is met.

Political observers predicted that Magaysay's death represents a blow to American policy in the Philippines, for he came to power with strong backing from the U.S. There was an attempt to hide the fact that American officials in Manila were deeply shocked. Observers predicted an almost certain period of political unrest in the wake of Magaysay's death.

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15 Jailed in Beirut For Bombings

Fifteen persons, including Palestine Arab refugees, were sentenced by a Beirut military court to terms ranging from three years to life imprisonment on charges of bombing British institutions and the house of the British Ambassador towards the end of last year, according to the Arab News Agency yesterday.

Three of those receiving life sentences were tried in absentia and four others were acquitted.

Cypriot Demand For Acceptance Of EOKA Truce

NICOSIA, Sunday (Reuter). — Police made baton charges in Limassol today to break up two processions calling for acceptance of EOKA's offer and the return of exiled Archbishop Makarios.

Four Greek Cypriot youths were injured by police, who made 12 arrests. Demonstrators carried banners with inscriptions proclaiming "Take advantage of truce," "Stop all executions," "Bring Makarios back," "Down with the emergency regulations," and "Stop all curfews."

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The communiqué, issued by the U.S. Embassy and the Lebanese Government after the windup of talks between Lebanese officials and Eisenhauer's special representative, Mr. James Richards, said both Governments will immediately take legal and technical steps to effect the project.

I.P.C. LOANS IRAQ GOVT £25M.

BAGHDAD, Sunday (Reuter). — The Government today signed an agreement covering a loan of £25m. from the internationally-owned Iraq Petroleum Company to cover its deficits from losses of oil revenue since last November.

The agreement was signed by the Minister of Economic Affairs, Nadin Pachachi, on behalf of the Government, and Sir Herbert Todd, for the I.P.C.

The company will release £5m. immediately and the rest will be secured in the next financial year beginning on April 1.

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Social & Personal

President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi yesterday evening attended a reading of Maggid Esther at the synagogue of Chief Rabbi Shlomo Mizrahi. After the service, Mr. and Mrs. Ben-Zvi were entertained to Purim dinner by Rabbi and Mrs. Mizrahi.

Baron, President and Mrs. Ben-Zvi, visited the Department of Antiquities Museum in Jerusalem and inspected the new finds from Kibbutz Nirim and the mosaic floors from the Beisan Valley. Dr. Sh. Yelin, Director of the Department, showed them around.

Dr. Sh. Yelin gave a luncheon party yesterday for the Director of Westminster and Lady Pamela Barry at her home in Rehavia. Among the guests were the Director-General of the Foreign Ministry, Mr. Yigael Yadin; Dr. and Mrs. David Arnon; and Mr. Julian Metzger.

Lord and Lady Stansgate arrived in Jerusalem yesterday from the Old City and are staying at the Eden Hotel.

The eight Belgian travel agents, who are on a week's tour of Israel, were guests at a reception given by the Belgian Consul in Haifa and Mrs. Alice Rosenthal at their home in Bat Galim last night.

Mayor Haim Levanon is to open the annual Artists and Sculptors Exhibition at the Tel Aviv Museum at 8 p.m. today.

BIRTH
CHILOIER. To Miri (the Simcha) and Emanuel Chiloiier, on March 7, 1957, at the Asurah Hospital — a daughter, sister to Leora.

Scholars to Reveal Scroll Research

The Dead Sea Scrolls will be the subject of a study session dedicated to the memory of Professor E.L. Sukenik which opens at four o'clock tomorrow afternoon at the Hebrew University, Jerusalem, under the auspices of the Israel Exploration Society.

The speakers will be Dr. Yigael Yadin, son of Professor Sukenik, who will discuss new developments in the world of the Scrolls; Prof. Chaim Rabinov, "The Sect and Pharisees"; Dr. Shmuel Talmi, on "Problems of the Sect's Special Calendar"; and Mr. Haim Gvaryan, on the legend of the last Babylonian King in the sect's writings.

At the second session beginning at eight o'clock, the speakers will be Dr. Yaakov Lerner, on "The Sect and the Judean Desert and the House of David"; Dr. David Flusser, on "The Sect and Christianity"; and Dr. Yaakov Lichten on "The Concept of Charity in the Sect's Literature".

Central State Museum Planned for Capital

The establishment of a national museum in Jerusalem, to eventually incorporate the Bezelet Museum, is now being planned by a special committee appointed by the Minister of Education and Culture, Mr. Z. Aran, the Ministry spokesman has announced.

It is estimated that the project will cost between \$2m. and \$3m. with funds to come from the I.M.G. Counterpart Fund. It will serve as the central State museum for works of art and antiquities.

Members of the committee are: Jerusalem Mayor, Mr. G. Agmon; Dr. Yigael Yadin, and the Director-General of the Ministry of Education and Culture; Foreign Affairs, and the Prime Minister's Office, Dr. M. Avidor; Mr. W. Yitzhak; and Mr. T. Kollek.

MARRIAGES in the Muslim community in 1956 totalled 2,000 and divorces 97. It is learned from Religious Affairs Ministry sources. The number of marriages concluded by Muslim Sharif's Courts during the year was 1,807.

Cinemas**JERUSALEM**

At 2.30, 5.30 and 8.30 p.m.
ARMON: *Written on the Wind*, 2nd week.

EPHEN: *Child in the House*, 2nd week.

ORION: *Don't Knock the Rock*, 2nd week.

ORNA: *The King and I*, 6th week. Also at 10.30 a.m.

ROD: *Woman Under the Moon*, 4th week.

TEL AVIV: *Crime and Business*, 2nd week.

SIMON HALL: *Artist and Model*, 2nd week.

STUDIO: *The Browning Version*, 2nd week.

TEL AVIV: *Seven Seas*, 2nd week.

ALLISON: *Sincerely Yours*, 2nd week.

ARMON: *Grease*, 2nd week.

EPHEN: *What's Happening?*, 2nd week.

EDEN: *Three 60s*, 12th week.

ESTER: *TV City*, 14th week.

SHALOM: *How Long*, 14th week.

SHOAH: *The Last Wagon*, 14th week.

SHIR: *Oldies*, 2nd week.

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